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1. EMBOFF SAW DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA DEC. 27. ROSALES SAID GOM WOULD PREFER PROVIDE MEXICAN PILOTS FOR LEASED BELL 206'S, AND THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY COME FROM ALREADY-TRAINED GOM PILOTS. IF GOM COULD NOT MAKE THE SIX PILOTS AVAILABLE WITHOUT HAMPERING OTHER GOM HELICOPTER OPERATIONS, THEN THE ADDITIONAL PILOTS WOULD BE RECRUITED ELSEWHERE AND CONTRACTED BY GOM. HE STIPULATED THAT IN ANY CASE THE PILOTS MUST RECEIVE SAME SALARY AS OTHER MFJP HELICOPTER PILOTS, I.E. 10,000 PESOS PER MONTH ($800 U.S.); ANY PAY DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN PILOTS OF 206'S AND OTHER GOM PILOTS WOULD PROVOKE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, HE FELT.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CONVERSATION DECEMBER 28, ROSALES ASSURED US THAT HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN GOM PRODUCING THE PILOTS BY JANUARY 10. WHEN ASKED IF (FOR INSURANCES PURPOSES) IT WERE NECESSARY TO HAVE PILOTS UNDER CONTRACT TO LEASING COMPANY, THIS WOULD PRESENT A PROBLEM, HE REPLIED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD SAID PILOTS SHOULD BE UNDER CONTRACT TO GOM. HE ADDED THAT INSURANCE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM, SINCE HELICOPTERS COULD
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BE INSURED BY MEXICAN COMPANY. (COMMENT: EMBOFF BELIEVES

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ROSALES IS SIMPLY REFLECTING ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIEWS
IN THIS INSTANCE; SHOULD THE INSURANCE QUESTION BECOME
A REAL PROBLEM, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD PROBABLY BE
FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE PILOTS TO BE UNDER CONTRACT
TO THE LEASING COMPANY.)

3. ROSALES TOLD EMBOFF HE EXPECTED THAT ANSWERS TO
OTHER QUESTIONS ON 206 LEASING WOULD BE CLEARED BY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND GIVEN TO EMBASSY IN WRITING BY COB
DECEMBER 28. WILL CABLE THEM AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
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